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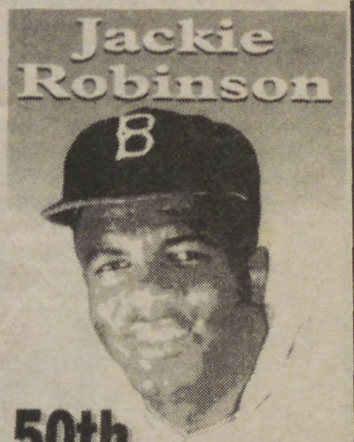

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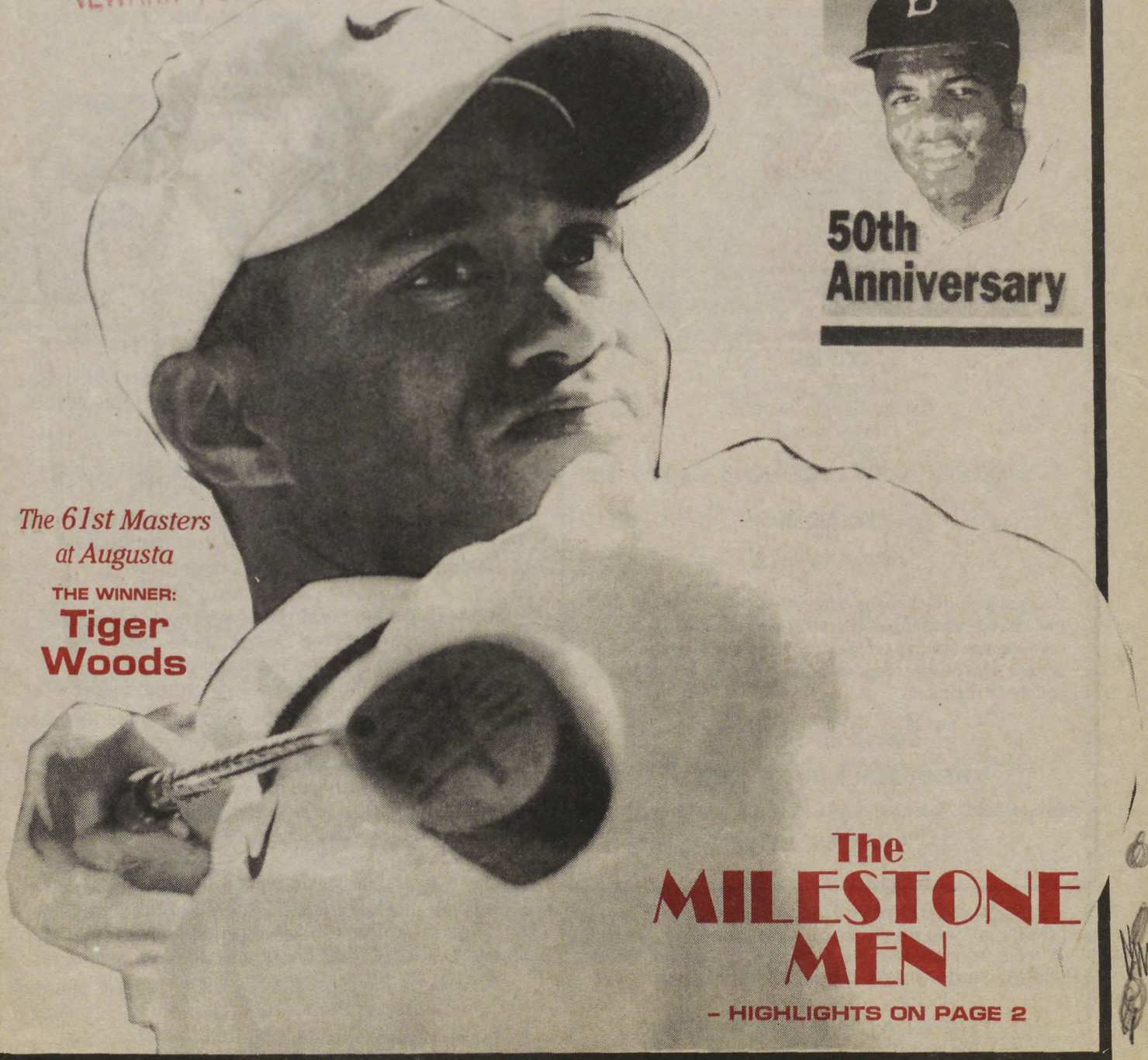

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On Our Cover –

TIGER WOODS – *A history lesson at the 61st Masters Golf Tournament*

Tiger Woods a 21-year old three-time Amateur National Champion, turned super golf pro did not forget his roots. Tiger's historic march through The Masters was especially heartwarming to black golf pioneers, who battled years of racism before the PGA Tour allowed them to join.

We hope all young people remember what he said in his moment of greatness about who paved the way for him:

"I'm sure they wish it could have been them." "I love those guys to death and they love me. I know they are very proud. If it were not for guys like Charlie Sifford and Lee Elder, I'm not sure I would be in this position." Remember the thoughts of this young man was that he gave credit to men who were black and playing 20 to 30 years ago... Charlie Sifford, Lee Elder, Calvin Peete, etc.

AP
TOGETHER: Tiger Woods greets Lee Elder after final round.

And didn't we just love the way he embraced his Dad and Mom., may success follow him the rest of his life.

JACKIE ROBINSON

"It is hard to believe that 50 years ago a 28-year-old rookie changed baseball and the face of America that day." PRESIDENT CLINTON

Along with Jackie Robinson's widow, Rachel, the President of the United States came out to Shea Stadium on the 50th Anniversary of Jackie Robinson's breaking the color-barrier in baseball

Jackie Robinson was far from being alone, when he survived the breakthrough to the major leagues. Many of us were around, and it was the black press that put pressure on the major league owners throughout the 30s, 40s to accomplish his entry into baseball.

Some of the leading black journalists were Joe Bostic, Sam Lacy, Billy Rowe and Wendell Smith, along with a host of white writers kept the pressure on. Hats off to these black journalists who help give Jackie Robinson that chance to achieve greatness.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Shadow,

Your column is great, but YOU goofed! You showed a side of you that should have stayed in the shadows. In the March edition of the *Black Mirror News,* You used inappropriate, biased, and derogatory language regarding Spanish music. Is your column for the general public or just "us"? We or they and you, like it or not, are all considered "people of color." I would hate to think the Shadow is prejudiced.

E.A./Montclair

Dear EDITOR:

Spare us the sympathy. Brian Peterson Jr. and Amy Grossberg are accused of killing their newborn son in Delaware. Why has the media and public opinion (especially in suburban North Jersey), been mostly sympathetic toward the teenagers, who happen to come from an affluent neighborhood?

They had the whole pregnancy to decide on abortion, adoption or raising their son. Instead they went to college in Delaware and Pennsylvania and hid the pregnancy until the baby was born. Now they are accused of tossing him into a dumpster like a pair of old sneakers.

I'm pretty sure if these two were a poor minority couple living in the inner city and working at a fast food restaurant, the media would continue to be all over them, and their parents who have never said anything about mourning the loss of their grandchild. Just an observation.

Hector Santiago, Newark

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POLLY TICKS

EAST ORANGE SCENES AND WHISPERS – John L. Washington billboards for the East Orange mayoralty campaign are all over town – smiles. ... Shiela Oliver launched her all out campaign for the vacated mayor's job with an all out press conference, just before tax day... Bob Bowser, also giving out notices that he's gearing up for the city seat, a mayoralty candidate... and we don't know how many other folks are going to be throwing their hats in the ring – but we wonder what's up here. Haven't they heard the term: united we stand, divided we fall?

Mayor Cardell Cooper had his annual affair and he announced that he would not be a candidate in the next election. Cooper is going to Washington, D.C. – it's a fact... Stephen S. Thomas supporters are all mystified about the recent charges against him.

ORANGE – Columbus Salley, the new Board of Education has some new ideas about young people being in their school yards and gyms after school. This is a thought that could be picked up in other cities.

IRVINGTON – Wayne Smith, the councilman has a great deal of complaints about the 17 million municipal deficit on the city of Irvington's books, and he lets folks know how he feels.

WEST ORANGE – Did you know that Herbert Killiebrew is a commissioner on the West Orange Human Relations Commission? He's stated that West Orange's Mayor Samuel Spina did not vote against Barbara M. Portella who is white or Veronica Ellis who is black in the Edison Savings Bank's dismal affair.

ESSEX COUNTY – Hey, what's up with the Assembly races on the Democratic side? Let us have some feedback on the state of the state.

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MORE THOUGHTS... There's no question about who delivered the votes for our president and county – blacks, Hispanics and white women.

We minorities ought to understand by now that we can't ever afford not to be registered, and we must exercise our vote. We can't keep crying about what we want, when there are many things we can do for ourselves.

Become involved with politics, no matter what – Democratic or Republican.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mrs. Kathy Edwards, a chair for the Republican party in Essex County... Wilbur Kornegay received over 10,000 votes as U.S. Senator, so this column has been told, at this time we are checking with the records office.

Check out the true stories that you don't hear or read about in the mainstream media

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COMMENTARY

By: Lorraine Lavender

Although the Star Ledger printed some of the text of Judge William Walls' recent address to an audience of more than 1,500 members and friends of Job Grand Lodge, the Ledger's headline totally missed the point. And you might have missed the article because it was in Section 10 of the Sunday paper. Could it be that you were supposed to miss it since it probably was not directed to African Americans.

But In case you did happen to see it, what Walls said was that we always had self-respect but we need be ashamed of some of the things African-Americans are now taking for granted or just plain looking the other way.

Judge Walls' observations are a direct reference to exactly the type of reporting that purposely distorts what a truly concerned, and involved citizen has said.

Judge Walls's main message was really a wake up call to the African American community to redirect our young people's energy into 21st century technology, computers, science, ownership, marketing, and related occupations. We should not falsely hold out the hope that all our children can be big sport figures or multimillionaire entertainers.

Shame is the silent partner of self respect and a constant companion of pride. Substance is more important than form and Judge Walls reminds you also to maintain the values you already have, instill these values in others, and read the old language.

Remember the "March of all Marches" The Million Man March and our recommitment to Rev. Kings' dream. *The Wall Street Journal* reported three months after the march, after the last election, there was a 55% increase in the number of Black men who voted four years before.

Afro Americans have a great sense of self respect and we are ashamed of many of the things that go on. But if there was a more responsible reporting by the media, we would not be so ,overwhelmed by contrived negativism.

The *Black Mirror News* will always try to bring you as true and factual news as humanly possible.

FALLING LEAVES

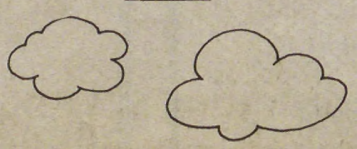
ALBERTA GIBBONS BRINSON

On April 12, 1997 Alberta Brinson departed this life to continue her spiritual journey after a long illness.

Alberta Gibbons Brinson was born in Macon, GA. on April 18, 1921 to the late Albert & Anna Brown Gibbons.

Alberta leaves to cherish fond memories, her husband, Carl J. Brinson; three devoted daughters, Alberta Wright, Carletta Mitchell and Joyce Sanchez; four loving grandchildren, Sadiq Mitchell, Kyletta Sanchez-Turner, Carlett Sanchez and Malikita Wright; (she was predeceased by one grandson, Ibn Wright); two great grandchildren, Zahir Wright and Manu Smith; two sisters, Marie Liggins and Gertrude Madison; two brothers-in-law, Ralph Liggins and Pierce Madison Sr.; a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and loving friends.

Bert as she was often called was an inspiration, role model and had an impact on every life she touched, for she lived her life to the fullest and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. She will forever live in our memories.



CHARLES FRANKLIN JEFFERSON, JR. departed this life on Wednesday, March 19, 1997. "Jeff," as he was known to his many friends was born February 2, 1923 to the late Charles Franklin Jefferson, Sr. and Essie Crawford Jefferson in Newark, New Jersey.

Jeff was educated in the Newark Public School system and held various positions of employment in the city. At the time of his death, he was a member of Bethany Baptist Church in Newark, N.J.

He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. on August 10, 1943, and was honorably discharged on April 6, 1946.

He was an active member of Guyton-Callahan American Legion Post No. 152, the Oak Tree Memorial VFW Post No. 9626, the Newark Chapter of the NAACP, and the Men of Quality Organization.

He leaves to cherish his memory, a nephew, Leon Butler (and his wife, Doris); a great-niece, Cheryse Butler Tucker; a nephew-in-law, Anthony Tucker; and a host of other relatives and friends.

An outgoing and friendly person, Jeff will be greatly missed.

ARTHUR LEEKS – singer, composer. Mr. Leeks sang at several nightclubs such as the Top Hat, Len & Lens, Frederick's Lounge, Pitts Rendezvous, Teddy Powell's Lounge and Sugar Hil, all in Newark.

Mr. Leeks also sang at Count Basie's Club Le Baron, Minton's Playhouse and Small Cafe, all in New York City.

HOSIA D. PAYNE was a top wrestling referee. Sense of dedication is reflected in Mr. Payne's career as a Police Officer for the Elizabeth Housing Authority, a sheriffs officer for Union County and a guard at East Jersey State Prison in Avenel. He was one of the highest honored wrestling referees, known as a skilled plumber and carpenter. He served in the USA Air Force during the Korean War. He was 61 years old, and survived by his mother Jewel of Elizabeth and a son, Hosea Daniels Reynolds of Orange, a daughter, Danielle Jewel Payne of Elizabeth, a sister, two brothers, and a granddaughter.

MRS. MILDRED Z. SAVOCA of Fork River, New Jersey. Born in Newark, she lived in Fork River for 17 years. Surviving are her husband, Joseph, a son, Anthony, a daughter, Camille, two sisters, Mrs. Jean Nunes and Mrs. Mary Giordano and five grandchildren.

DEMOCRATS MEET AT JE's RESTAURANT

The Essex County Democratic Committee recently held two (2) major events. The Essex County Democratic Executive Committee met at JE's Restaurant, 260 Halsey Street, Newark. Over 75 members of the Executive Committee, which consists of Town chairs and Essex County elected Democratic officials voted to endorse the candidacy of Senator and Woodbridge Mayor James E. McGreevey as Essex County's choice to be the Democratic nominee for New Jersey Governor.

THREESOME. (L-R): Senator Richard J. Codey, Senator James E. Mc Greevey and Essex County Democratic Chairman Thomas P. Giblin, who are all committed to a total Democratic victory in Essex County in the upcoming June 3rd Primary.

AFRICAN-AMERICAN CLERGY. Shown (L-R): Reverend Willie Simmons of the Newark-North Jersey Black Churchmen, Senator James Mc Greevey, and Thomas P. Giblin, Essex County Democratic Chairman.

The overflowing crowd that filled JE's Restaurant at the Democratic Executive Committee meeting.

Shown lending her support is Newark Councilwoman Mildred Crump and Senator James McGreevey.

PAYNE SPEAKS. Shown speaking to the Essex County Democratic Committee is Congressman Donald M. Payne, who recently celebrated 40 years of public service.

DEMOCRATS AT THE RACES

The Essex County Democratic Committee sponsored "A Night at the Races" at the Pegasus Restaurant, Meadowlands Racetrack, East Rutherford. Guests were treated to the lavish buffet and refreshments, known only at the Pegasus Restaurant. Over 200 Essex County Democrats participated in making this a social and Financial success.

ALL FROM MONTCLAIR. Shown (L-R): Ruth Garrett, Essex County Democratic Chairman Thomas P. Giblin, and John Garrett, Montclair Democratic Committee and all Montclair residents.

THREE WINNERS. (L-R): Thomas P. Giblin, Newark Central Ward Councilman George Branch, and Newark Mayor Sharpe James.

NEWARK TEACHERS' UNION REPRESENTED. Seated (L-R): Guest, Christine "Roz" Samuels, Patricia Burroughs, and Lynn Padwee. Standing (Lft): Anthony Montanelli, Joe Fonseca, and John Abeignon.

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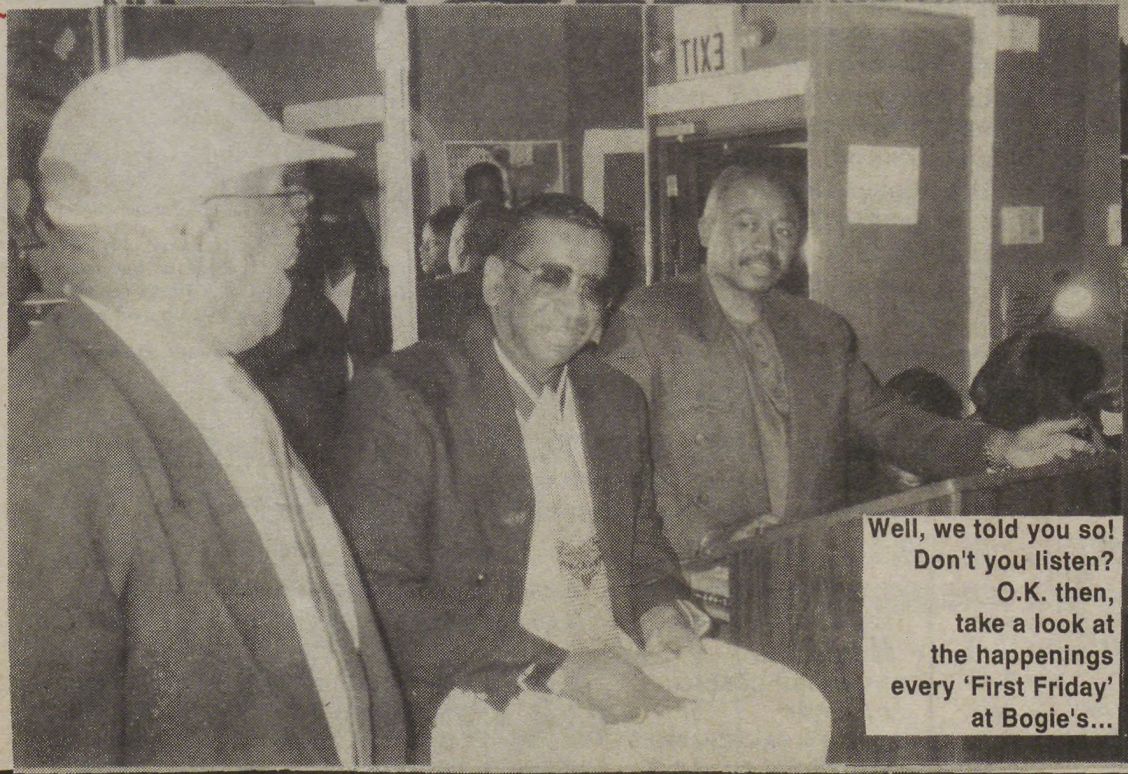
Newark Councilwoman Gayle Chaneyfield's fabulous birthday bash at the Aljira Art Center.
(Read all about it on page 12.)

Dawn Edmonds private B-day Party in the Presidents Suite at the Robert Treat



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Kenya Mathis hasn't been seen since she retired from **Bogies**, what's Up! ... **Eric Levesey** lost a good friend when **Edward Baiden** left the **Robert Treat Hotel** for Washington D.C.— upward bound... Folks have begun to talk about the **Frontiers International Convention** in Newark some time in July 1997 ... Who was that very attractive girl in **Jan Williams' Hair to Hair** shop last week end! ... Orchids to **Mrs. Delores Metz** now **Mayor Sharp James'** Chief of Staff. Could not have happened to a finer person-smile... Fish places come and go but **Crockett's Fish Fry Shoppe** in Montclair goes on forever-smiles ... **Lee Douglas'** son selected as one of the fine new policemen in downtown Newark..."**Play on**" the new Broadway show features the music of **Duke Ellington** and the support of his granddaughter **Mercede Ellington**... **Dawn Edmonds** is the granddaughter of the late **Irving I. Turner**, the first Black Councilman in the City of Newark... **Emma Lucas** reminds all of you that **The Friends of Symphony Hall** have an office in the Symphony Hall building-Telephone (201) 297-0382 ... **Asha** of **Steward's Restaurant** is one of the most pleasant waitresses in town, a member of a top notch professional staff ... **Randy Edwards**, one of the top salesmen in the import and wholesale wine and spirits business. Also has heart to help children through a computer service. Call him at (201) 228-5100... **Ella Edwards** the owner of the new "**Silk Floral Design**" company (201) 824-0245 ...Whatever happened to **Charlie Ryan** one of the hippest mixologists? Have you seen **Hiawatha Terry Greene** of the U.S. Justice Department...

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May 18th – Frontiers' Annual Breakfast at Marriott Hotel Newark Airport, Newark, N. J. , 9 AM

June 21st Baxter Terrace Scholarship Celebration at Terrace Ballroom, Newark, N.J. 7 PM until ?

CLASS REUNION: Belleville High School Class of '47 – 50th Year Reunion will be held on September 27, 1997. If you wish to attend, please contact Lorraine Lavender (201) 639-1977. Graduates from 1946 and 1948 are also invited.

TONY BROWN, author of *Black Lies, White Lies*, stopped in to congratulate the youths who graduated from a computer program sponsored by the Englewood Board of Education. Shown L. to R.: Ann Jones, a worker, a student, Tony Brown and a student.

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That Virgo that is eyeing you could be the right mate. Just because you can't see it doesn't mean it doesn't exist. Your thoughtfulness is a good thing.

VIRGO – AUGUST 23-SEPTEMBER 22

Your friends appreciate your loyalty and follow your good counsel. You understand a lot about people and your good humor is infectious.

LIBRA – SEPTEMBER 23-OCTOBER 22

Your first impression is probably right. You know what to do and when to do it. Resist listening to other people.

SCORPIO – OCTOBER 23-NOVEMBER 21

Look for romance with anyone but another Scorpio. Be discreet. Tone down your wit and your intellect and originality will get you noticed

SAGITTARIUS – NOVEMBER 22-DECEMBER 22

Your good work will bring rewards. You may be up for promotion. Your boss sees you taking charge.

CAPRICORN – DECEMBER 23-JANUARY 20

Stop being so sensitive. Looking back at the past is not helping. You will get the encouragement you need to succeed. Keep on growing.

AQUARIUS – JANUARY 21-FEBRUARY 19

Socialize. You are greatly admired in your circle. You need to stop procrastinating and accept a possible leadership role. While caution is needed, don't keep changing your mind.

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An Affair to Remember

by: Lorraine Lavender

Aljira Art Center – The lovely Councilwoman Gayle Chaneyfield-Jenkins and her handsome hubby Kevin Jenkins recently hosted a fabulous birthday party at the Aljira Art Center. A huge crowd gathered to celebrate the Councilwoman's natal day amid a backdrop of exquisite sculptures in the Center's exhibition hall. Foot tapping soulful jazz melodies performed by Blues Wing, playing in the background, set the theme "Lose The Blues" two of the members are from Newark.

Guests enjoyed wonderfully tempting hot and cold canapes of luscious strawberries, succulent melons, crudites and dips, cheeses, filet mignon, and chicken artfully prepared by Rose Eley. Beverages provided by Grolsch and several beautifully decorated sumptuous birthday cakes from YOU.

Some of the many revelers noted were Karin E. Dagneau, Maurice Strickland and daughter Tettina, Chris Sabin, Jennifer Essed-Sabin, Sabarah Sabin, Rahjan Nassiruddin, Lemira Reese, Johair Richard and Connie Richard, Sylvia Davis and Judith Bateman.

Also Councilman George Branch, Joyce Branch, Emma Lucas, Gwendolyn Jenkins, Raafiah Odom, Rahul Sarif, Sen. Councilman Ronald Rice, Victor Dawson-Aljira Founder.

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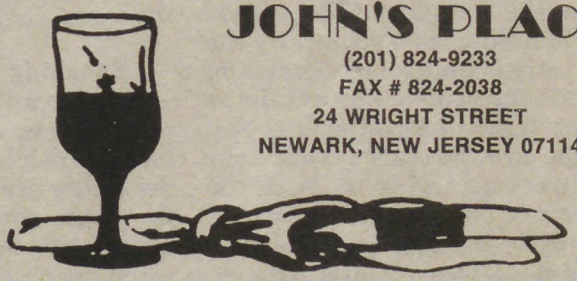

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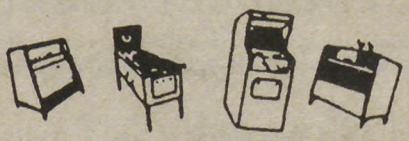

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Speaking of the 'hood,' as the weather gets warmer I notice the young mens' pants are getting lower and lower. When I see this, I have to wonder if they are trying to turn gay and the pants down below the hips can make for "easy access".

I wonder what that young girl on Maple Ave. in Irvington is going to do about the fact that her stomach is starting to take the shape of a watermelon? How long will it be before her mother finds out she is in the "family way" the clothes she's wearing are being stretched "from here to maternity".

Now that Tupack and Biggie are gone, who's next to have a hit rap record that's no. 1 with a bullet? All of the rap singers should switch to country and western music, it is much safer... Will J.H. on M.L.. Blvd. in Newark always be a mama's boy? It seems that way, every time he has a fight with his lady, where does he go? You got it, straight home to mama. And she says, "come on home son, you don't need that headache". Mama never tries to find out the other side of the story, no sir, her son is right even if he's wrong. It was the same way in school – remember when you told mama that the teacher didn't like you and mama went down and turned the teacher, the principal and the school out. Well, watcha gonna do when mama leaves this earth? The rest of the family knows you ain't worth a dime. You better cut mama's apron strings loose and stand on your own big feet.

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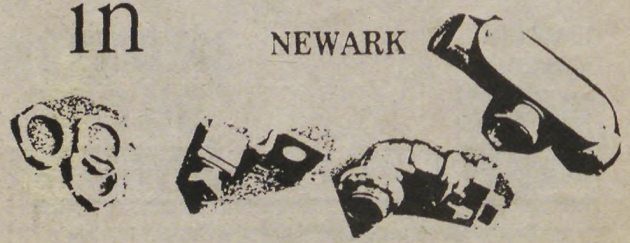

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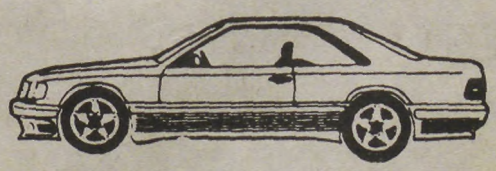

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